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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the International Labour Organisations global employment trends report where in Indian labour forces was projected to grow at 1.89% annually where as employment opportunities is expected to remain minimal; and

(b) if so, the long-term strategies proposed to be made to tackle the problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

a): Yes, Sir. However, as per the estimates available from labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation, annual average growth rate of labour force during 1994-2000 was 1.03% as against 0.98% growth rate of employment.

b): The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment.